



## **GARNTEG PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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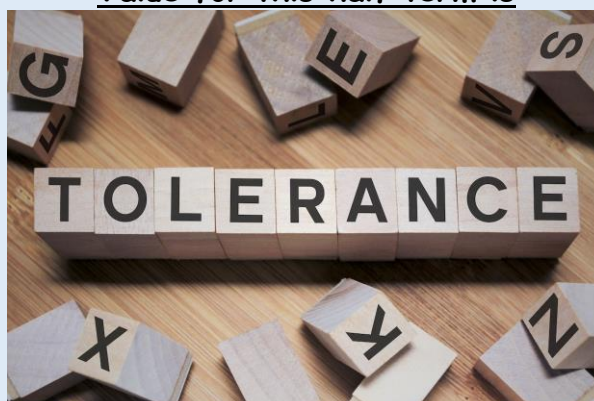
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[www.garntegprimary.co.uk](http://www.garntegprimary.co.uk)

Newsletter - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Cylchlythyr - 17<sup>th</sup> Ebrill 2026

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Croeso Yn Ôl

### INSET DAYS

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### April

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 3.20pm Year 6 Residential Trip meeting

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Danceathon

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 - Citizens Advice in the main hall

2-4pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 - Year 5 Residential Trip

## May

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Year 6 Residential Trip**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Dance Festival Cwmbran Congress Theatre at 6pm**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Year 6 Class Photos**

## Term Dates - 2025/2026 Academic Year

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 01.09.25	Monday 27.10.25	Friday 31.10.25	Friday 19.12.25
Spring	Monday 05.01.26	Monday 16.02.26	Friday 20.02.26	Friday 27.03.26
Summer	Monday 13.04.26	Monday 25.05.26	Friday 29.05.26	Monday 20.07.26

## Parking when dropping/collecting pupils

Please can we ask if parents and carers can be considerate when parking cars to drop children off at top gate and bottom gate for the safety of children and residents. A few local residents have asked if we can politely ask parents & carers not to block their driveways as they need continuous access to their properties. **A reminder that the Millennium Hall have kindly said that we can use their carpark which is a one-minute walk from bottom gate.** We appreciate your support with this.

## Late Arrivals

If pupils arrive at 9:00am and after, please can all Parents & Carers (or whoever brings them to school) take them to the school office for their registration mark and lunch choice. Pupils need to be handed over to office staff. Can Parents & Carers please let other adults who bring children to school know this information too.

## Torfaen Dance Festival



This year's Torfaen Dance Festival will take place on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 6pm at the Congress Theatre in Cwmbran. Selected pupils will be participating.

If you wish to attend the festival, tickets will be available to purchase from Friday 1st May from 9am online at <https://congresstheatre.co.uk/> or at the Congress Theatre for £6 each. Diolch!

### Community Support in School!

Citizens Advice will be available in the school hall on 21st April 2026 from 2.30-4pm. Their family advice project is here to provide support, answers, and guidance.

We hope to see you there!

# Brighter Futures Together South Wales

Citizens Advice Torfaen provide confidential and impartial advice on a range of areas including:

- Debt
- Benefits
- Housing
- Employment
- Family

Working in partnership with local schools, we are pleased to deliver a family advice project which sets out an aim to tackle child poverty through delivery of advice and support to parents/guardians at schools across the county.

**You can meet with our dedicated advisor at  
Garteg Primary School on the following dates:**

20/01/2026 02pm-04pm  
17/03/2026 02pm-04pm  
21/04/2026 02pm-04pm  
19/05/2026 02pm-04pm  
16/06/2026 02pm-04pm

**Alternatively if you can't make it, give us a call:  
01633 973570  
WhatsApp  
07562685212**

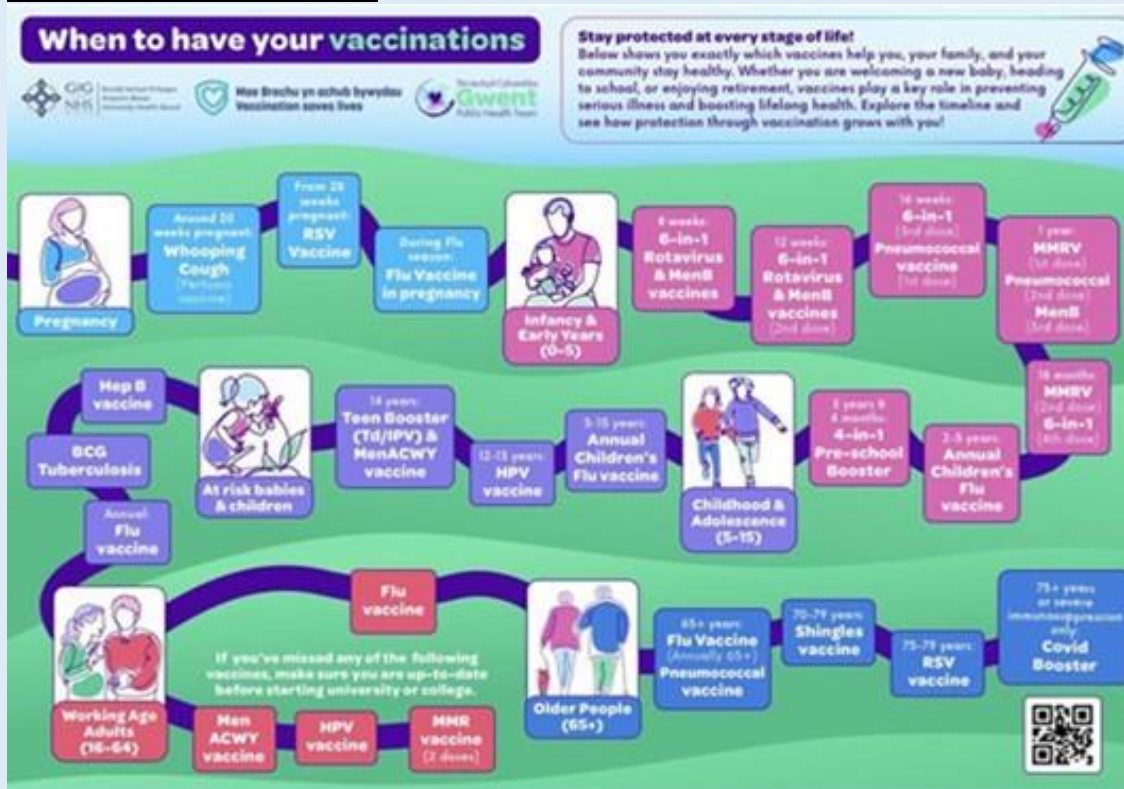


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bopeth**

**citizens  
advice**

Torfaen

## Vaccination Information



Director of Public Health, Professor Tracy Daszkiewicz, is urging parents and carers to make sure children and teenagers are protected against meningitis, following recent tragic cases in Kent

Meningitis can develop very quickly and can be life-threatening. Vaccination is the best way to prevent it.

Key meningitis protection includes:

- MenB for babies and young children
- Pneumococcal vaccine (can also prevent meningitis)
- MenACWY for Year 9 pupils and young people under 25 starting university

**Young children, teenagers and students in shared accommodation are at the highest risk.**

- Check your child's vaccination record by contacting your GP or our Vaccination Service: 0300 303 1373
- Book any missed doses
- Learn the symptoms and seek urgent help if concerned

"Vaccination saves lives," says Professor Daszkiewicz- please take up your vaccinations.

More information: ["Check Your Children's Vaccination Status" -Gwent Director of Public Health Urges Parents, following Meningitis news in the UK - Aneurin Bevan University Health Board](#)

**The ABUHB School Nursing Service**  
**Parent/CarerLine**



The ABUHB School Nursing Service are excited to launch Parent/CarerLine, a new SMS text service for parents and carers of children aged 5 to 16! Parents and carers can text our school nurses on [07507330206](https://www.111.nhs.uk/parents-carers) for expert advice and support with a child's health and wellbeing. \* Texts are replied to Monday - Friday 9:00 - 16:00 (excluding bank holidays)

**Who are School Nurses?**

School nurses are specially trained public health nurses who can help with a range of physical and emotional health issues, such as emotional wellbeing, toileting, immunisations, low mood, exam stress, self-harm, behaviour, relationships, healthy eating and more.

**Noddfa Church**

**FREE TUITION GET AHEAD**  
 Key Stage 2-4  
**MONDAYS 4-6PM**  
 A drink and a snack when you arrive

**LEARNING MADE FUN**  
 Interactive sessions to help make learning fun. Games and Quizzes that will help you in every subject across the curriculum

**HOMEWORK HELP**  
 Come with questions and we can help you to answer them for yourself

**QUALIFIED TEACHERS**  
 Volunteers from Noddfa Church with experience in teaching are giving up their time to offer free tuition.

www.NoddfaChurch.com  
 (Homeschoolers welcome)

**LEARN LOVE SHARE**  
**NODDFA JUNIORS**  
**FRIDAYS 6-8PM**  
 TERM-TIME

**FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN**  
 MAKE NEW FRIENDS  
 EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY  
 ASK QUESTIONS

Team AWARDS Individual PRIZES Cost FREE

**Activities**  
 ✓ Storytelling & Crafts  
 ✓ Games and Singing  
 ✓ Tuck Shop  
 ✓ Pizza and snacks  
 ✓ Seasonal trips

**Noddfa Church**  
 Abersychan  
 NP4 7EF  
**All are welcome**  
 You do not need to be a "Christian" to come.

More Information www.NoddfaChurch.com

# A allai fod yn sepsis?

Mae sepsis yn gyflwr sy'n peryglu bywyd. Gorymateb y system imiwnedd i haint neu anaf.

## Symptomau plant

- Byddant yn anadlu'n gyflym iawn
- Byddant yn cael 'ffit'
- Yw eu croen yn edrych yn frith, yn las, neu os byddant yn edrych yn welw iawn
- Oes ganddynt frech nad yw'n pylu pan fyddwch chi'n rhoi pwysau arno
- Byddant yn swrth iawn neu'n anodd eu deffro
- Byddant yn teimlo'n anarferol o oer pan fyddwch yn eu cyffwrdd

## Symptomau oedolion

Lleferydd aneglur neu ddryswch  
Cryndod eithafol neu boen yn y cyhyrau  
Pasio dim wrin (mewn diwrnod)  
Diffyg anadl difrifol  
Teimlo eich bod chi am farw  
Croen brith neu liw anarferol

Gall newidiadau i liw ymddangos mewn manau â phigmentau goleuach, megis y tu mewn i fraich neu gledrau'r llaw, mewn pobl sydd â chroen tywyllach.

## Amau sepsis?

Ceisiwch gymorth meddygol ar frys.

**Ffonlwch 999** neu ewch i'r **Adran Achoslon Brys yn Ysbyty Athrofaol y Faenor.**

Os ydych yn poeni am haint ond nad ydych yn amau sepsis, ffoniwch 111.



Sganiwch y cod QR i gael rhagor o wybodaeth.



To find out more, scan the QR code.

[b1pab.glg.cymru/sepsis](http://b1pab.glg.cymru/sepsis) [sepsistrust.org](http://sepsistrust.org) [abuhb.nhs.wales/sepsis](http://abuhb.nhs.wales/sepsis)

# Could it be sepsis?

Sepsis is a **life-threatening condition**. It is the immune system's overreaction to an infection or injury.

## Child symptoms

- Are breathing very fast
- Have a 'fit' or convulsion
- Look mottled, bluish, or very pale
- Have a rash that does not fade when you press it
- Are very lethargic or difficult to wake
- Feel abnormally cold to touch

## Adult symptoms

Slurred speech or confusion  
Extreme shivering or muscle pain  
Passing no urine (in a day)  
Severe breathlessness  
It feels like you're going to die  
Skin mottled or discoloured

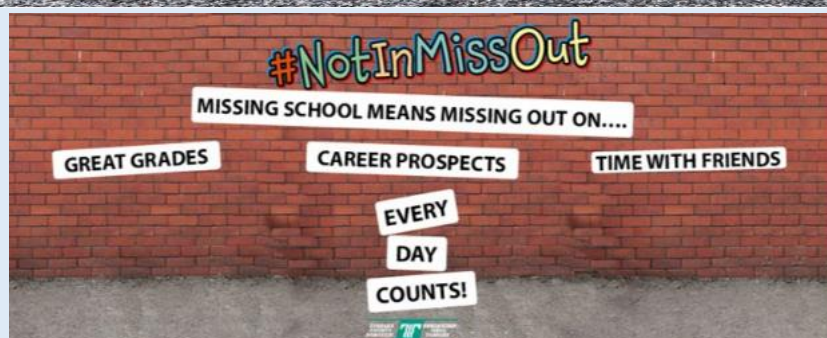
Darker pigmented skin may show colour changes in more lightly pigmented areas, like the inside of the forearm or palms.

## Suspect sepsis?

**Seek medical help urgently.**

**Call 999** or visit the **Emergency Department at The Grange University Hospital.**

If you're worried about an infection but don't suspect sepsis, call 111.



**Attendance Winners 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 98.13% and Dosbarth 7 Mr Phillips for KS2 with 97.24%

**WELL DONE! DA IAWN!**

**This week's attendance figures are**

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	92.05	0	92.05	3 / 4	89.5	5	94.83
Reception	92.54	1	92.54			4	99.14
		2	88.34	7	99.14		
1	88.34			5 / 6	92.22	8	90.09
1 / 2	92.55	3	90.18			5 / 6	95
		4	94.92	10	96.67		
						11	93.52

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	91.26
4	95	92.91

5	95	93.18
6	95	92.09
7	95	95.48
8	95	88.57
9	95	92.86
10	95	93.73
11	95	92.89

### Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM- Frankie PM-Theo	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Whole class
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Sienna-Rose	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Whole Class
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Freddie	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Whole Class
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Logan	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Whole Class
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Maise Leigh	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Whole Class
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Year 6 girls
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Year 6 girls

**Meithrin** - A super start to our Summer Term the children have thought amazing ideas for our new topic 'Yn y Goedwig' (In the Forest.) They are so excited to explore the woodland area in nursery. The children have settled well back into the school routine, and it has been lovely to meet our new friends who started this week? Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 1** - The Reception class have had a fantastic first week back for the summer term. It has been wonderful to see how much the children have matured, with many showing increased confidence and beginning to work more independently. They are making a great effort to follow our classroom rules and routines and are settling back into school life beautifully. We have also started our new topic, "Yn y Goedwig" (In the Forest), and the children are already showing great excitement and curiosity as they begin to explore woodland environments. It has been a lovely start to the term, and we are so proud of how they are developing into such enthusiastic and capable learners. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch.

**Dosbarth 2**- It has been lovely to welcome dosbarth dau back to school for the start of summer term. We enjoyed sharing our news about our Easter break and talking about our new targets and goals for the summer term. We look forward to seeing even more progression in the summer term and celebrating our achievements. Da iawn Pawb!

**Dosbarth 3** - We have had a wonderful first week back in dosbarth 3 and it has been lovely to have you back for the summer term 😊 We have enjoyed sharing news about our Easter holidays and reflecting on why we have easter eggs and what it reminds us of. We also took part in a super exciting Science experiment exploring forces. We made predictions about which materials would slow down an egg and we also experimented how many eggs it would take to sink a raft. Da iawn Pawb!

**Dosbarth 4** - Bendededig pawb! It has been lovely to see you all this week and we have had a lovely time hearing about your Easter adventures. This week we have been looking at the difference between Easter celebrations and Buddhism and how different cultures celebrate in different ways. We have also been working on our weaving skill and creating a 3d basket independently. Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 5** - Diolch Class 5 for a successful first week back! We have been using our past tense skills to write about our Easter, write our own news articles and to write about different celebrations. We have also used our art skills to create artwork responding to these. Please see the letter sent home regarding the multi-sports event for Year 4 pupils. Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 6** - Da iawn to everyone in Dosbarth 6 for an excellent week back. We have been very busy looking at what we experienced over Easter, understanding Holy week and comparing it to other religious celebrations. A reminder that Year 4 have a multi-sports event next Wednesday at Abersychan. Please can you ensure your permission slips are returned and that if your child has an asthma pump that they bring it with them and appropriate clothes for the weather. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

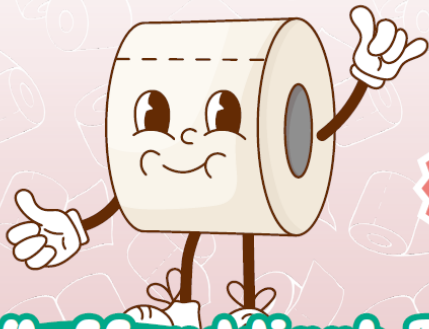
**Dosbarth 7** - Da iawn to everyone for a fantastic week back. A reminder that Year 4 have a multi-sports event next Wednesday at Abersychan. Please can you ensure your permission slips are returned and that if your child has an asthma pump that they bring it with them and appropriate clothes for the weather. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

**Dosbarth 8** - Da iawn for a wonderful first week back. We are looking forward to our Year 5 residential next week and hope we have some lovely weather! Have a wonderful weekend!

**Dosbarth 10** - We have really enjoyed our first week back after Easter! The Year 6 girls had a great time in the STEM tech event this week, they were a credit to the school. We are all looking forward to Year 5's residential next week, let's hope for some nice weather! Have a great weekend!

**Dosbarth 11** - we had such a fantastic day at the girls in tech event this week. All year 6 girls were a real credit to the school and community. We look forward to completing our topic next week and starting our final topic at Garnteg. Please remember to return residential information forms if you are yet to do so. Have a lovely weekend.

## **Community Notices**



No need to  
book, just  
turn up!

## Hyfforddiant Toiled

Dydd Llun 18 Mai, 9:30 -10:30

## Toilet Training

Monday 18 May, 9:30 -10:30

Blaenavon Integrated Children's Centre  
Middle Coed Cae, Blaenavon, NP4 9AW

Addas ar gyfer gofalwyr plant dros 15 mis oed  
Suitable for carers of children over 15 months of age



Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol  
Aneurin Bevan  
University Health Board



Welsh Government



TORFAEN COUNTY  
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**PONTYPWL**  
DYDD MERCHER / WEDNESDAY  
**13:00 - 14:00**  
29/04/26 - 24/06/26  
Cylch Meithrin Pontypwl, St James Hall,  
St James Field, Handbury Road,  
Pontypool, NP4 6JT

**Clwb Cwtsh** is a fun-filled and informal programme  
focusing on speaking Welsh with young children.  
Mae Clwb Cwtsh yn gwrs blasu Cymraeg sydd wedi'i anelu at ddysgwyr  
newydd ac sy'n canolbwyntio ar iaith magu plant yn y cartref.

I gofrestru, epostiwch / To register, email:  
**clwbcwtsh@meithrin.cymru**

**mudiad meithrin**  
arbenigwyr y blynyddoedd cynnar

**Y Ganolfan**  
Dysgu Cymraeg  
Genedlaethol  
National Centre  
for Learning Welsh

**CYMRAG**  
Dysgu  
Learn



# NEW PLAYERS WANTED

**Kids Rugby – Come & Give It a Try!**  
Looking for a fun, active sport for your child?

Our Mini & Junior Rugby Team is welcoming new players of all abilities.

Fun, safe & supportive environment.  
Build confidence, teamwork & friendships  
Open to all kids who want to give rugby a try

Bring your child along on a Wednesday training night for a free taster session to see if rugby is for them — no pressure, just fun!

Location: Lasgarn View, Varteg, Pontypool  
Torfaen  
NP4 7SF



Message us on Facebook  
@Garndiffaith Mini and Juniors

# ● WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN ● GARNDIFFAITH AND ABERSYCHAN

## MONDAY

**10 am - 11am**

Yoga - Cwmavon Village Hall  
Baby & Me - Millenium Hall

**10 am - Midday**

Drawing & Talking - Coedwedd  
Community Hub

**12.30 - 2.30pm**

Open art session - Coedwedd  
Community Hub

**1pm - 3pm**

Wellbeing Through Stitch -  
Cwmavon Village Hall

## THURSDAY

**10am - 11.30am**

Shelite (gentle exercise class) -  
Millenium Hall

**10am Start**

Wellbeing Walk - Coedwedd  
Community Hub

**10am - Midday**

Art for Everyone - Cwmavon  
Village Hall

**12.30pm - 2.30pm**

Little Feet (parent and baby  
group) - Noddfa Church

**1.30pm - 3.30pm**

Knifty Knitters - Millenium Hall

## TUESDAY

**10 am - 11am**

Couch to 5km - Coedwedd  
Community Hub

**10 am - Midday**

Coffee Morning - Trinity  
Methodist Church

**10.30am - 11am**

Tai Chi Talywain OAP Hall

**11.30am - 12.30pm**

Body Weight Exercise Class -  
Millenium Hall

**Midday - 2pm**

Lunch club - Talywain Rugby  
Club

**2.30pm - 4.30pm**

Pensioners Club - Victoria  
Village Hall

## WEDNESDAY

**10 am - 11am**

Tai Chi - Millenium Hall

**10am - 2.30pm**

Men's shed - Coedwedd  
Community Hub

**2pm - 4pm**

Prize Bingo - Victoria Village  
Hall

Cwmavon & Blaenavon  
Crafters - Cwmavon Village  
Hall

**6pm - 8pm**

Noddfa Teens - Noddfa  
Church

**8pm - 10pm**

Old Time Modern Dancing -  
Millenium Hall

## FRIDAY

**9.30 - 10.30am**

Pop in & Play (family with pre-  
school children) - Millenium  
Hall

**10am - 11am**

Tai Chi - Cwmavon Village Hall

**10am - Midday**

Feet-Up Friday - Noddfa  
Church

**10am - 2.30pm**

Fun & Games - Coedwedd  
Community Hub

**6pm - 8pm**

Noddfa Juniors - Noddfa  
Church



The Millennium Hall are running 3 warm hubs on a weekly basis for the next few months.

Monday: 11am - 2pm will be just a warm hub (free refreshments and somewhere to go and have a chat)

Wednesday: 1pm - 4pm will be a film club (free to attend)

Saturday: 11am - 2pm will be a family film club (free to attend)

Victoria Village Hall:

Thursday: Cake and Company 11am - 1pm (free refreshments)

## Coedwedd Community Hub

Coedwedd Community Hub offer sessions in our local community for adults, including DIY, Chat and Snack and Craft and Relax. Please visit their website to find out more.

[Coedwedd Community Hub | Home | Stanley Road, Gardiffaith, Abersychan, Pontypool](#)



**Weekly Schedule** 

<b>Monday</b> 10am - 3pm	<b>Drawing &amp; Talking</b> 10am - Midday  <b>Open House Art</b> 12:30 - 14:30
<b>Tuesday</b> 10am - 3pm	<b>To Be Confirmed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 10am - 3pm	<b>Coffee Morning</b> 10:00 - Midday  <b>Men's Shed (Social &amp; Workshop)</b> 10:00 - 14:30
<b>Thursday</b> 10am - 3pm	<b>Social Walk</b> 10:30 - 13:00 
<b>Friday</b> 10am - 3pm	<b>Fun &amp; Games</b> 10am - 14:30 



**Coedwedd Community Hub**  
Wellness in the Workshop  
Wellbeing Walks  
Coffee Mornings  
Social Garden  
Drawing & Talking

*"Strangers are just friends we haven't met yet"*

*"Mae dieithriaid yn ffrindiau nad ydym wedi cwrdd â nhw eto"*

info@coedwedd.org  
**Coedwedd Community Hub**

**MEN'S SHEDS CYMRU**

Stanley Road  
Garndiffaith, NP4 7LY  
(opposite Premier shop)

**Coedwedd Communitu Hub**

Unit 14, Gilchrist Thomas Industrial Estate, Blaenavon. NP4 9RL

**Community Hub**

Monday - Friday 9am - 4:30pm

- Coffee Corner
- FREE WIFI and Computer Library
- Community Kitchen
- Pantry
- FoodBank
- BabyBank
- Fuel Support
- Prescription and Welfare Support Packages
- Befriending Calls
- Volunteering
- Training Courses
- Bike Recycling
- Furniture Retail Shop

01495 774453

**PONTYPOOL!**

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**FREE TRIAL!**

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Uywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

**£0 COST**

**INTRODUCTION TO BECOMING A SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR**

WANT TO MAKE A SPLASH IN YOUR CAREER? TRY TORFAEN WORKS' NO COST TASTER SESSIONS.

**No previous experience needed**

Halo Leisure Torfaen are looking to recruit and train Swim instructors. Could you be the next?

If you are confident with basic swimming techniques, over 16, and a Torfaen resident this taster course could be for you.

**Whats on offer**

- Swim Wales Safeguarding training
- Customer Service training
- 5 taster sessions to explore the role
- Experience a real swimming lesson
- Funding available to complete the L2 Instructors training
- Guaranteed interview with Halo

Contact us for more information and to check your eligibility

01633 647 743  
employability@torfaen.gov.uk

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Kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School